

Pollution Prevention Program

Executive Orders



Executive orders (EOs) issued in the last 7 years challenge the federal government to become a leader in pollution prevention (P2) and to make federal facilities good neighbors. The EOs require federal facilities to provide state and local authorities with information on toxic and hazardous chemicals present at their facilities, to purchase environmentally safe and recycled products and services, and to establish goals for energy and waste reduction.

The EOs have compelled federal facilities to lead by example, reducing and eliminating sources of pollution through better management and acquisition practices. Pollution prevention not only protects the environment but saves taxpayer money by reducing waste management costs and long-term liability.

Federal facilities are often an important force in local communities and sometimes the largest employer. Making federal facilities publicly accountable demonstrates the government's commitment to being a good neighbor and to taking steps to reduce the risk of environmental releases.

Six EOs require federal agencies to comply with P2 regulations and instruct federal agencies to integrate waste reduction and recycling programs into their environmental management initiatives. The EOs also define source reduction and recycling goals.

1. **EO 12844**, *Federal Use of Alternative Fueled Vehicles*
<http://hydra.gsa.gov/pbs/pt/call-in/eo12844.htm>
2. **EO 12898**, *Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice*
<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/ej/html-doc/execordr.htm>
3. **EO 13101**, *Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition* <http://www.ofee.gov/eo/13101.htm>
4. **EO 13123**, *Greening the Government Through Efficient Energy Management*
<http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/aboutfemp/exec13123.html>
5. **EO 13134**, *Developing and Promoting Biobased Products and Bioenergy*
<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/eos/eo13134.html>
6. **EO 13148**, *Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management* <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/eos/eo13148.html>